

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-3 and 31-50 are pending. Claims 4-30 are canceled without disclaimer or prejudice to renewal. New claims 31-50 are added.

Support for amending claim 1 to set forth immobilizing at least one adsorbent on the substrate can be found, for example, on page 29, lines 6-7.

Claim 3 is amended for proper antecedent basis.

Support for new claim 31 is found, for example, on page 55, lines 18-19.

Support for new claim 32 is found, for example, on page 5, lines 5-7; on page 7, lines 30-31 and on page 58, lines 6-8.

Support for new claim 33 is found, for example, on page 7, lines 13-15, on page 38, lines 11-20 and on page 55, lines 13-14.

Support for new claims 34-35 is found, for example, on page 30, lines 12-15.

Support for new claim 36 is found, for example, on page 8, lines 1-5 and on page 46, lines 3-7.

Support for new claim 37 is found, for example, on page 29, lines 1-2.

Support for new claim 38 is found, for example, on page 28, lines 17-20.

Support for new claim 39 is found, for example, on page 4, lines 31-32; on page 7, line 32 through page 8, line 1; on page 14, lines 13-18 and in Figure 2; and on page 28, lines 2-3.

Support for new claim 40 is found, for example, on page 27, lines 11-15.

Support for new claim 41 is found, for example, on page 27, lines 17-23.

Support for new claim 42 is found, for example, on page 28, lines 29-30.

Support for new claims 43-44 are found, for example, on page 29, lines 7-9.

Support for new claim 45 is found, for example, on page 27, line 28.

Support for new claim 46 is found, for example, on page 27, lines 28-31.

Support for new claim 47 is found, for example, on page 27, lines 31-32.

Support for new claim 48 is found, for example, on page 28, lines 8-9.

Support for new claim 49 is found, for example, on page 28, lines 12-14.

Support for new claim 50 is found, for example, on page 14-15.

No new matter is added by the present amendments and the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter them.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly vague.

Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner. However, in the interest of furthering prosecution, Applicants have amended step c) of claim 1 to affirmatively set forth the step of immobilizing at least one adsorbent of an identified selectivity condition on the substrate. Therefore, amended claim 1 clarifies what is being done to prepare the substrate for detection of the analyte. Claim 3 has been amended for proper dependence from claim 1, and therefore also sets forth what is being done to prepare the substrate for detection of the analyte. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the present rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-273-4361.

Respectfully submitted,



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